

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 March 14 2015 to 0600 March 15 2015



The Moon, Venus, and Mars are visible over Mt Whitney, Inyo County

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Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Tugboat Sinks off NY's Fire Island; 1 Dead, 3 Rescued

(AP) tugboat captain died and three crew members were rescued Saturday when their boat sank in icy and stormy waters about a mile off Fire Island, authorities said. One of the crew members managed to make a cellphone call to the Coast Guard at about 2 p.m. as the tugboat Sea Bear was sinking, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Morgan Gallapis. She said the man said their boat was sinking and they needed assistance. Three crew members in immersion suits were rescued by the Coast Guard from the water a mile off a section known as Fire Island Pines, Gallapis said. Fire Island is a long, skinny barrier island that hugs the south shore of Long Island. Three Coast Guard boats, a helicopter, two other tugboats and Suffolk County Police Marine Bureau boats all searched for the fourth crew member, authorities said. Suffolk officers on the beach assisted in the search. Coast Guard Command Duty Officer Mark Averill said the man's body was found shortly after 5 p.m. He was identified by the Suffolk County police as the boat's on-duty captain, Donald Maloney. Police said Maloney was not able to put on an immersion suit as the boat was sinking.

Ebola: US Evacuates 10 Aid Workers from Sierra Leone

(BBC News) Ten American aid workers who may have been exposed to Ebola are being brought back to the US from Sierra Leone. On Friday it was announced that a US aid worker back from Sierra Leone had tested positive and was being treated in hospital near Washington DC. The evacuees may have been in contact with the Ebola patient and are being flown back on non-commercial transport. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said none were currently showing Ebola symptoms. They will stay in voluntary isolation for a 21-day incubation period. If any start to show symptoms they will be taken to one of three hospitals which are equipped to deal with Ebola cases. On Friday, the CDC sent a team to Sierra Leone to investigate how the healthcare worker became exposed and determine who might have been in contact with the infected person. The patient is being treated at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland. It is the 11th person with the deadly virus to be treated in the US.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Aid Heads for Vanuatu after Devastating Pacific Cyclone

(Reuters) The first shipments of aid headed for Vanuatu on Sunday as authorities declared a state of emergency and global relief agencies geared up after a powerful cyclone tore through the vulnerable Pacific island nation. With winds of more than 300 kph (185 mph), Cyclone Pam razed homes, smashed boats and destroyed crops as it struck late on Friday and Saturday. The official count of confirmed deaths was at eight with 20 people injured. But those numbers were almost certain to rise as rescuers reached the low-lying archipelago's outlying islands. Vanuatu's National Disaster Management Office said the government still had no word from outside the capital. Red Cross officials said the first aid flight, a New Zealand military Hercules aircraft carrying tarpaulins and other emergency supplies, was cleared to land on Sunday as Port Vila's airport partially reopened. A U.N. team was also due in Port Vila on Sunday with members drawn from as far away as Europe. Aid officials said the storm was comparable in strength to Typhoon Haiyan, which hit the Philippines in 2013 and killed more than 6,000 people, and looked set to be one of the worst natural disasters the Pacific region has ever experienced.

At Least 51 Dead after Bus Crash in Southern Brazil

(New York Times) As many as 51 people died on Saturday when a passenger bus drove off a cliff in the southern Brazilian state of Santa Catarina, police said. The bus, en route from the neighboring state of Parana, swerved off a curve and fell dozens of meters before crashing in a wooded area. Rescue crews were still trying to rescue survivors and recover the bodies of the victims late in the day. Initially, police had reported 32 killed, but later said recovery crews believed an additional 19 were dead. Police did not know how many passengers in all were aboard the bus or whether the driver was one of the victims, but said that at least six survivors were being treated for injuries. The bus was about 10 km (6 miles) from its destination in the city of Joinville when it crashed. Highway and weather conditions at the time were good, a police spokesman said. Though no immediate cause for the crash had been determined, police said it appeared the brakes on the bus failed.

Suicide Bombers Kill 14 People outside Pakistani Churches

(AP) Suicide bombers exploded themselves near two churches in the eastern city of Lahore on Sunday as worshippers were gathered inside, killing 14 people, officials said, in the latest attack against religious minorities in the country. In the tense aftermath, angry mobs burned to death one person they believed was involved in the attack and tried to lynch another, said Haider Ashraf, deputy inspector general for Lahore. Two police who were protecting the churches were also killed in the explosions, which he said were caused by suicide bombers. At least 70 people were wounded, said Zahid Pervez, the provincial director general of health, who gave the death toll. The explosions occurred in quick succession in the Christian neighborhood of Youhana Abad at two churches while parishioners were celebrating Sunday services inside. The churches are about 600 meters (650 yards) apart.

SITUATION SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Marathon 2015, Los Angeles County

- The Marathon will take place today, 03/15/15. The marathon route travels through the cities of Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica. Over 26,000 runners will participate. Southern Region is communicating and coordinating with Los Angeles County and participating cities to provide support as needed.

Weather of Concern

- No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A front will bring widespread rain to most of northwest California today and tonight. Lingering rain showers will continue through at least the middle of next week.

Medford Weather:

A widespread wind event is expected for the forecast area today because of the deepening and northeastward movement of a low pressure system. Precipitation won't be as significant today as yesterday in terms of coverage but there will be a period of moderate to heavy rain at the coast this afternoon as a potent upper level trough swings inland. The weather pattern quiets down from Monday through most of the week ahead. Weak troughs maintain slight chances of showers Monday and Tuesday. Warm and dry conditions are expected Wednesday and Thursday before another upper trough and precipitation arrives by Friday into Saturday.

Reno Weather:

High pressure and southerly flow over the southwest U.S. will keep warm temperatures in place through Monday. Gusty southwest winds are expected today as low pressure moves across the Pacific Northwest. Most areas will remain dry through Monday, except for possible rain showers at times in northern Lassen through northern Washoe County near the Oregon border. Another low pressure system will bring some low chances of showers to the region Tuesday and Wednesday.

San Francisco Weather:

High pressure over California will weaken and result in cooling over the next two days. A weakening Pacific storm system may produce light rain over portions of the North Bay from late today into Monday morning. Another weak system may generate isolated light showers from midday Tuesday through Wednesday, but mainly over the hills. Otherwise, dry and mild weather is expected to persist through the end of the week.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Some mainly light rain is possible over the northern third of the forecast area beginning late today into Monday with lingering precipitation chances into midweek over Sierra. There will be minor cooling today with breezy to windy conditions over higher terrain. The next chance for any potential significant precipitation is forecast for Friday into next weekend.

Hanford Weather:

High pressure over the region will continue to bring dry conditions and well above average temperatures through today. A slight cooling trend will begin Monday as a trough moves into the region and brings increased clouds; however, temperatures will remain above normal. There will be a slight chance of mountain and foothill showers and thunderstorms Wednesday afternoon and again on Thursday.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

With high pressure aloft, record breaking heat will continue through today. Slight cooling is expected by Monday as high pressure weakens but temperatures will remain well above normal. Near normal temperatures and a return of the marine layer can be expected by midweek as weak low pressure approaches from the west.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

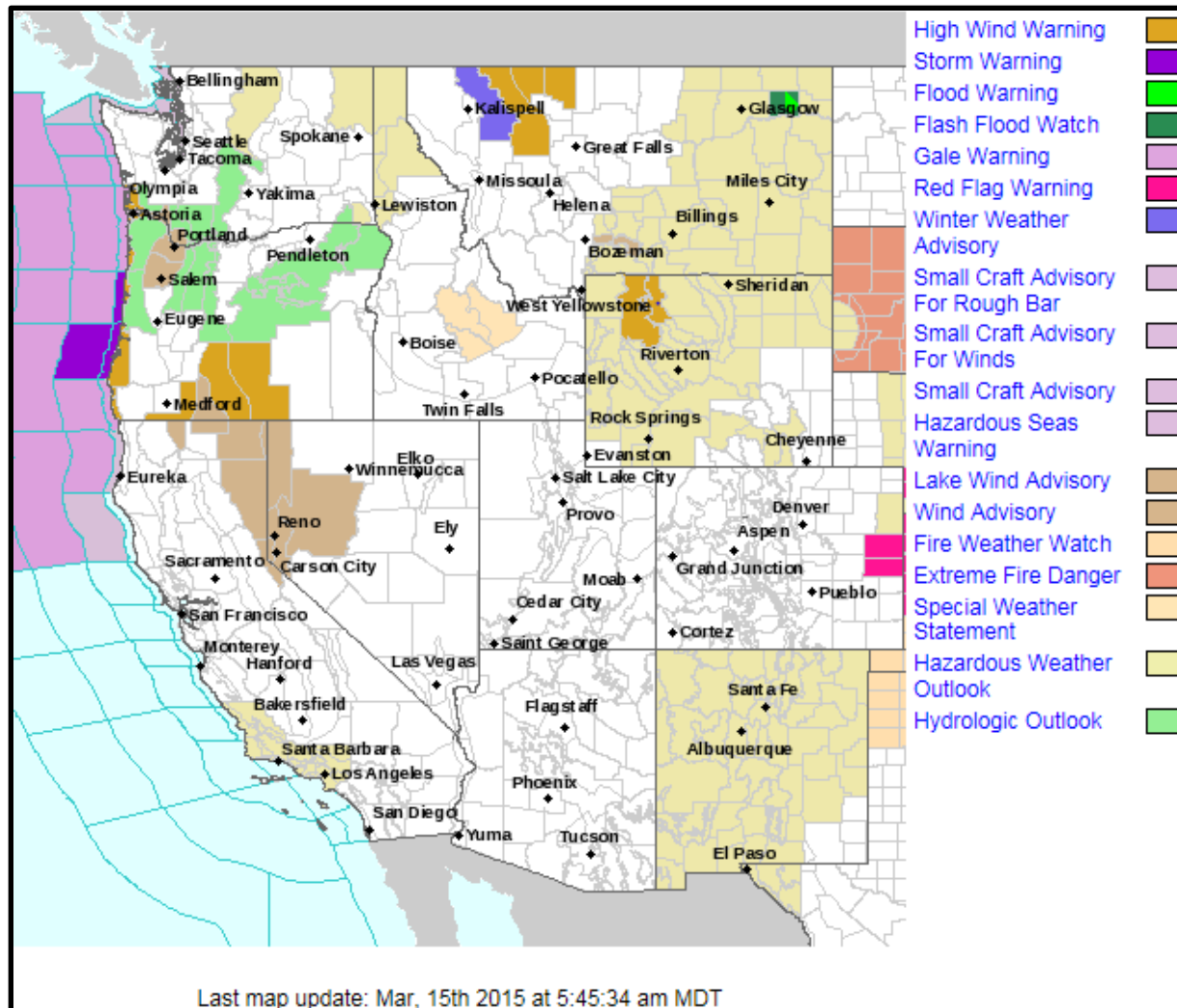
High pressure aloft and weak offshore flow will continue well above average high temperatures today with locally gusty northeast to east winds near the coastal foothills. Cooling will develop near the coast on Monday and spread inland for Tuesday through Thursday along with a return of night and morning coastal low clouds and fog. Temperatures will be a little warmer for Friday and Saturday.

Southeast California Weather:

Strong high pressure will remain across the area today and into early this week allowing for continued very warm temperatures and highs potentially reaching around 90 degrees early in the week. A cooler and more unsettled weather pattern with potential for increased clouds and rain chances is possible Tuesday night through the end of the workweek.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- On 3/11/15, the U.S. Small Business Administration approved a disaster declaration for the primary county of Mono and contiguous counties of Alpine, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, and Tuolumne. IA staff distributed notification letters.
- Recovery Debris Management Coordinator deployed to Mono County for debris management group meeting and site walk-through.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur once a month.
- Cal OES Region/Recovery Call frequencies will change on and as needed basis.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Cal OES Missions – Ongoing

- **2015-LAW-8932, 3/11/15, at 0700 hours**, Humboldt County Sheriff requested Human Remains Detention Dogs to assist in the search for two missing females who are presumed deceased. They have been missing for about 15 months. Personal property belonging to one of the victims was located in a wooded area off of Hwy 36 near Densmore, CA. The search is planned for Sunday, 3/15/15. Cal OES K9 Coordinator has secured 4 dog teams for the search. **Mission ongoing.**



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.